

## KOSCIUSCO COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The third union meeting of Brethren churches in this county convened at Claypool, Sept. 26, 27, 1896.

The meeting was called to order by Brother Hopkins, pastor of the Claypool church.

Devotional services led by Brother Fox. Rev. D. A. Hopkins then delivered the address of welcome. Brother C. F. Yoder not being present, Brother Fox delivered the response.

Benefits of County Union Meeting, discussed by G. W. Rench, followed by general discussion.

The churches represented then reported their condition and outlook, and also the Sunday-schools, S. S. C. E., K. C. of C. E., and other organizations. The reports showed flourishing conditions everywhere. We will endeavor to have report blanks before our next meeting so we can give a more accurate report of the churches and other organizations.

The name Union Meeting was changed to County Association.

Committee on program and location were appointed by the chair.

Adjournment.

7:30—Brother Weirick, not being present, Brother Hubbard led the Devotional services.

Benefits of S. S. Work was discussed by Mrs. Rhorer in a most excellent paper, followed by general discussion.

The paper will be published in the EVANGELIST.

May Baker not being present, Brother Yoder gave us a most excellent talk on, "Self-denial Boxes," followed by general discussion.

The following was adopted:

*Resolved*, that this Association urge the duty of raising our standard of giving to the Lord, and that we recommend to the pastors that they preach the doctrine of giving more and endeavor to establish self-denial boxes in every home.

The question box was quite interesting.

## SUNDAY MORNING.

In spite of the rain we had a glorious praise meeting at 6 A. M., which was led by D. A. Hopkins. We had a very good and interesting review of S. S. lessons at 9:30 A. M.

G. W. Rench delivered the morning address, subject "Conversion."

At 2:30 P. M., J. M. Fox preached. Text, "Ye shall receive power."

C. F. Yoder conducted the Junior service at 6 P. M. The Senior K. C. of C. E. was conducted by Rev. D. A. Hopkins.

Committee on location reported that

our next Association Meeting be held at Milford, Ind., March 30, 31, 1897.

The Program committee's report will be published the first of March 1897.

C. F. Yoder delivered the evening and closing address.

The weather was somewhat against us, but we had good crowds and a glorious meeting. The enthusiasm was great. Fox, Rench, Hopkins, Yoder and Hubbard were the ministers present. There is a great field in this part of Indiana for mission work.

CLARA A SHROYER, Sec.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

To those interested in "Ashland College." Time and space would not admit of me giving a statement of each individual's ideas in regard to "Ashland College" and their conception of Christian work in general. I would not rebuke *some* brethren *now* but trust and pray that the influence of the *faithful* few, will cause the truth of God to dawn upon them *soon*.

I am glad to say that I find enough who have the *cause* at heart, to take hold of the work and make it a success. With some difficulty on the part of *some*, I have succeeded in getting the classes, I have visited so far, to respond and agree to raise their apportionment. I have special commendations for the following classes for the interest manifested in behalf of the *cause*: Auburn, Gravelton, South Bend and the *faithful few* at Brighton. The Sister's Society at South Bend deserve commendation from the fact that they raised \$50.00 of the apportionment at their place. True and earnest workers have the promise of a blessing. May others consider carefully and prayerfully, what is their duty, and be ready to decide on the side of right when we come. Yours for the cause.

W. A. WELTY.

## FAIRVIEW, IND.

The church at this point is moving forward, but not as rapidly as it *could* and *should*.

The Sunday-school observed Association Day last Sabbath, and received offerings for the extension of this work in this state. Indiana has for her motto in this work, "All the people (not children) in the Sunday-school, and all the Sunday-school in the church."

Our preaching services are well attended, averaging two hundred at our morning service; perhaps not quite so large at the evening services.

We have been preaching on "Missions" recently, and as a result, we notice the nativity of a Missionary Spirit, and that it may be developed practically, we have

appointed a Missionary Committee, composed of five sisters, to whom the work has been entrusted.

We have also made provision for its development in a theoretical way by the organization of a reading circle,—the object of which is the systematic reading of books upon such subjects as Home and Foreign Missions, the practical application of Christianity, etc. We will read during the year:

- (a) Our Country,.....Strong
- (b) Crisis of Missions,....Pierson
- (c) Life of Christ,.....Stalker
- (b) With Christ,.....Murray

Our K. C. of C. E. is at work, and just now is planning for some aggressive work during the coming winter.

We will begin Evangelistic Services, the second Sunday in November. We need and ask for the prayers of the entire brotherhood. Yours in the work,

WM. D. FURRY.

## ELKHART COUNTY UNION MEETING.

Held at New Paris, Ind. Saturday and Sunday. Oct. 3d and 4th.

SAT. 10:00 A. M.

The Union services seemed to be a reflection of the day for all seemed glad to have the privilege of meeting again in union services. Were also glad to have a number from the adjoining counties to meet with us.

The service opened with singing conducted by Mr. Unnbenhour, assisted by Sisters Haight and Wagner, Rev. Cripe conducting the devotions.

After brief remarks by the president and the reading of the report of the previous meeting. The papers assigned were read and disposed of in order.

1:30 P. M.

After song service at noon Rev. Bemenderfer read 1st Peter, 1st chapter, also led in prayer.

Churches reported 7; additions 8; Sabbath schools 5; evergreen 4; K. C. jr. 4, sr. 4; S. S. C. E. 6; also the brethren of Nappanee are erecting a church.

Song, Miss Ada Haight and Mrs. Effie Riggle.

Papers were disposed in order. Revs. Bemenderfer, Rench and Menaugh gave us practical thoughts on the Holy Spirit. After which we were favored with a duet by the Misses Wagner.

Collections received \$4 45 above defraying expense to be used in the mission cause. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Rench.

The communion service was well attended. Sabbath school at 9:30. At 10:30 Rev. Bemenderfer preached a sermon.

The next service to be held at Elkhart.

IDA SIMMONDS, SEC.